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HAMMER, KATIE L	4131	008-405000

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)

(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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Notice of Allowability	Application No. 10/594,047 Examiner KATIE HAMMER	Applicant(s) ELIU ET AL. Art Unit 4131
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to the application papers filed 9/25/06, IDS filed 12/22/06 and the paper filed 7/9/2007.
 2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-22.
 3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 12/22/2006
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other ..

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Tyler R. Stevenson on September 22, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

All NMR data charts in the specification starting at page 25 have been changed from commas to decimal points.

Page 25, first column of the chart has been changed from having no label to being labeled as "Chemical Shift δ (ppm)", the second column of the chart has been labeled as "Splitting", the third column of the chart has been labeled as "Peak Integration", and the fourth column of the chart has been labeled as "Type of Compound";

Page 26 of the specification, line 2 of the second chart, "überlagert" has been changed to --overlaid--;

Page 27, line 2 of the chart, "überlagert" has been changed to --overlaid--;

Page 28, line 2 of the first chart, "überlagert" has been changed to --overlaid--;

Page 31, line 2 and line 6 of the second chart, "überlagert" has been changed to --overlaid--;

Page 32, line 2 of the chart, "überlagert" has been changed to --overlaid--;

Page 33, line 2 of the first chart and line 2 of the second chart, "überlagert" has been changed to --overlaid--;

Page 38, Formulation Examples "Compositions FC-FG are prepared" has been changed to --Compositions FC-FG are prepared (values in the chart are given in parts by weight)--

Page 40 of the specification,

Row 7, "compound of formula (202)" has been changed to --compound of formula (102)--,

Row 8, " compound of formula (203)" has been changed to --compound of formula (103)--,

Row 9, " compound of formula (10)" has been changed to --compound of formula (104)--;

Page 58, line 1 of composition chart, "Composition" has been changed to --Composition (values in the chart are given in parts by weight)--

In claim 13, line 2, "(19)" has been changed to -- (17) --;

In claim 13, line 5 (step (a)), "(19a)" has been changed to --(17a)--;

In claim 13, line 6 (step (b)), "(19b)" has been changed to -- (17b)--

In claim 13, line 7 (step (b)), "(19c)" has been changed to -- (17c)--

In claim 13, line 8 (step (c)), "(19c)" has been changed to -- (17c)--, and "(19d)" has been changed to -- (17d) --;

In claim 13, line 14 (after step(e)), "(19a)" has been changed to --(17a)--, "(19b)", has been changed to --(17b)--, "(19c)" has been changed to --(17c)--, "(19d)" has been changed to --(17d)--, "(19e)" has been changed to --(17e)--, and "(19)" has been changed to --(17)--;

In claim 22, "according to claim (19)" has been changed to --according to claim (21)--.

Allowable Subject Matter

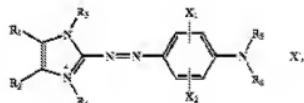
Claims 1-22 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The above amendments to the claims were to correct minor informalities and for consistency of terminology. The amendments were not made to avoid a prior art rejection.

The present claims are allowable over the closest references: Mockli (US 6,762,287), Eliu et al. (US 2006/0179586), and Eliu et al. (GB 2,412,916).

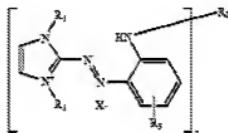
Mockli '287 disclose cationic imidazole azo dyes dyes of formula



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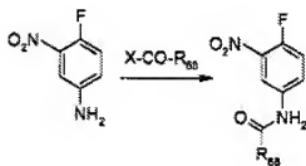
However, Mockli '287 is silent as to the presence of another nitrogen on the phenyl ring and also does not disclose the claimed 2,5- positioning of the nitrogens from the azo linkage. Thus, Mockli '287 does not teach or fairly suggest the claimed dye of instant claims 1-11 nor the process for synthesizing this dye found in instant claims 12-13, nor the composition and applications found in claims 14-17.

Eliu et al. '586 disclose a cationic dye of formula

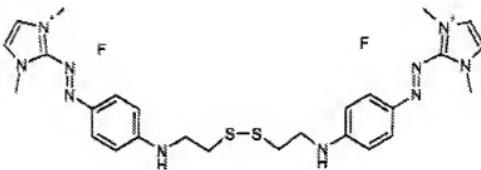


However, Eliu et al. '586 are silent on the incorporation of a 2,5-diamino on the phenyl ring and a carboxyl group on the 2-N-R3 and -R4 group. Thus, Eliu et al. do not teach or fairly suggest the claimed dye of independent instant claims 1 or 11 which requires a 2,5-diaminophenyl and the carboxyl group.

Eliu et al. '916 disclose the starting material synthesis of compounds and alkylating the intermediate compound with an alkylating agent (page 19 of the spec).



Eliu et al. '916 synthesizes a final product compound with sulfide linkages between two diazo compounds (Example A1, page 47), which are not present in the instant claims.



However, Eliu et al. '916 does not teach the 2,5-diaminophenyl compound nor the carboxyl groups on the one nitrogen. Thus, Eliu et al. '916 does not teach or fairly suggest the claimed dye or complete synthesis process found in the instant application.

In light of the above discussion, it is evident as to why the present claims are patentable over the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KATIE HAMMER whose telephone number is (571)270-7342. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday, 9:00am EST to 7:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David R. Sample can be reached on 571-272-1376. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Supervisory Patent Examiner
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